

St. Louis City Ordinance 64935

FLOOR SUBSTITUTE

BOARD BILL NO. [00] 20

INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN LYDA KREWSON

An ordinance pertaining to the Central West End North Special Business District, repealing Section Two of Ordinance 63840 and Section Five of Ordinance 62622 and enacting two new sections authorizing an increase in the maximum real property tax rate from \$.50 to \$.85 per \$100 assessed valuation, extending the term of the tax an additional ten years until December 31, 2009 and further expanding the activities and improvements for which tax funds may be used; containing an effectiveness and emergency clauses.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE. Section Two of Ordinance 63840 is hereby repealed and a new section is enacted to read as follows:

SECTION TWO. Taxes for the District shall be assessed and collected as follows:

A. For the purpose of paying for costs and expenses incurred in the establishment and operation of the District, the provision of services and facilities and improvements authorized in Sections Five and Six of this ordinance, and incidental to the leasing, construction, acquisition and maintenance of any improvements authorized herein or for paying principal and interest on bonds or notes authorized for the construction or acquisition of any said improvement, there may be imposed a tax upon all real property within the District which shall not exceed eighty-five cents (\$.85) on the one hundred dollars (\$100.00) assessed valuation, subject to the requirements set forth by law.

B. If the propositions submitted to the qualified voters residing in the District receive in their favor the votes of the majority of the qualified voters voting at the elections conducted pursuant to Section Eleven, the initial and extended rates of levy which shall be imposed upon real property within the District shall be eighty-five cents (\$.85) on the one hundred dollars (\$100.00) assessed valuation.

C. The tax provided for by this ordinance shall only be levied and collected for tax years 2000 through 2009.

D. Real property subject to partial tax abatement under the provisions of Chapter 353, R.S.Mo., shall, for the purpose of assessment and collection of ad valorem real estate taxes levied under the District, be assessed and ad valorem real estate taxes shall be collected upon the same assessed value on which its ad valorem real estate taxes and payment in lieu of taxes are based in the Ordinance adopted by the City of St. Louis approving the development plan of any such corporation and authorizing tax abatement; provided, however, that the owners at such real property are strongly encouraged to make additional equitable, annual donations to the District in lieu of the additional District taxes.

E. The levy shall not be imposed upon real property exempt from ad valorem real estate taxes because of charitable, religious, educational or other public or private uses; provided, however, that the owners of such real property are strongly encouraged to make equitable, annual donations to the District in lieu of District taxes.

F. The tax provided for by this ordinance shall be collected by the Collector of Revenue and held in a special account to be used only for all purposes authorized hereunder, as provided by law.

G. If the District for any reason is dissolved, all delinquent taxes collected after the date of dissolution shall be credited and forwarded to the general fund of the City of St. Louis after all debts of the District, if any, are discharged.

SECTION TWO. Section Five of Ordinance 62622 is hereby repealed and a new section is enacted to read as follows:

SECTION FIVE. All District revenues collected hereunder by the Collector of Revenue, except for those revenues expended for the necessary costs of the establishment and administration of the District, and for collection fees for tax revenue collected hereunder, may be used to carry out any and all of the following improvements, services and activities of the District:

A. To provide special police and/or security facilities, equipment, vehicles and/or personnel for the protection and enjoyment of the property owners and the general public within the District;

B. To provide special cleaning facilities and personnel for the enjoyment of the property owners and the general public within the District;

C. To landscape and plant trees, bushes and shrubbery, flowers and each and every other kind of decorative planting;

D. To construct, install, improve and/or maintain pedestrian malls, plazas, streets, sidewalks, parks, bus stop shelters, lighting, benches, or other seating furniture, sculptures, traffic signs, fire hydrants, kiosks, trash receptacles, marquees, awnings, canopies, walls, fences, gates and barriers, paintings, murals, alleys, shelters, fountains, ramps, and each and every other useful or necessary or desired improvement;

E. To promote activities in the District by, but not limited to, advertising, decoration of any public place in the area, promotion of public events which are to take place on or in public places, furnishing of music in any public place and the general promotion of activities in the District;

F. To maintain any City-owned streets, alleys, malls, ramps, trees and decorative plantings of each and every nature, and any structure or object of any nature whatsoever constructed or operated by the city;

G. To prohibit or restrict vehicular traffic on such streets and alleys within the District as the Board of Aldermen may deem necessary and to provide the means for access by emergency and refuse vehicles to or in such areas;

H. To close existing streets or alleys or to open new streets and alleys or to widen or narrow existing streets and alleys in whole or in part within the District as the Board of Aldermen may deem necessary.

SECTION THREE. The provisions of this ordinance shall not be effective unless and until the following proposition, to be mailed on July 25, 2000 to the qualified voters residing in the District, shall receive in its favor the votes of the majority of the qualified voters voting at said election. Said proposition shall be in substantially the following form:

OFFICIAL BALLOT

Shall a tax of \$.85 per \$100.00 assessed valuation be imposed on all real property within the Central West End North Special Business District as defined in Ordinance No. 62622, approved May 29, 1992, for the activities and

improvements set forth in Ordinance_____ (Board Bill # 20) for the tax years, 2000 through and including 2009?

____ YES

____ NO

SECTION . This being an ordinance for the immediate preservation of public peace, health and safety, it is declared to be an emergency measure within the meaning of Sections 19 and 20 of Article IV of the Charter of the City of St. Louis and therefore this ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

Legislative History				
1ST READING	REF TO COMM	COMMITTEE	COMM SUB	COMM AMEND
04/28/00	04/28/00	W&M		
2ND READING	FLOOR AMEND	FLOOR SUB	PERFECTN	PASSAGE
05/05/00			05/12/00	05/12/00
ORDINANCE	VETOED	VETO OVR	SIGNED BY MAYOR	
64935			05/17/00	